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USSR TRANSFERS RED CROSS HOSPITALS -- Chokuk Chonson, 26 Nov 49

An official ceremony marking the formal transfer of all of the 15 USSR Red Cross hospitals in North Korea to the government of the People's Republic of Korea took place on 12 November 1949 at the Ministry of Public Health in P'yongyang. The transfer entailed no obligation whatsoever on the part of the North Korean government as the hospitals were transferred gratuitously by the USSR Red Cross.

The USSR Red Cross hospitals were opened in 1946 in the major cities and industrial centers in North Korea, and by June 1949, over 700,000 Korean patients were treated or hospitalized by these hospitals, at a fee less than one fifth of cost. Their contribution to the development of the public health program of the People's Republic has been tremendous.

13 SOVIET SCHOLARS ARRIVE IN P'YONGYANG -- Chokuk Chonson, 26 Nov 49

Under the agreements of the Soviet-North Korean Economic and Cultural Pact, a group of 13 Soviet scholars arrived in P'yongyang on 15 November to help in the economic and cultural development of the People's Republic of Korea. This group included Professors Osadikov (Political Economy), Bangkolatov (Marxism-Leninism), both of whom will teach at the Kim Il-song University and Professor Saborikina (female) (Mineralogy), who will teach at P'yongyang Technical College. [Russian names are approximations.]

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